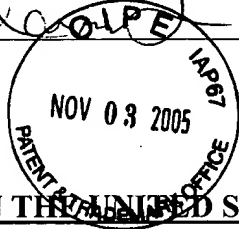


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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed on August 1, 2005, in connection with the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being timely filed.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concomitantly herewith.

Please note that the undersigned has changed law firms and has Power of Attorney in the present application by virtue of a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney ("the Revocation") document filed in the Patent Office on November 1, 2005. A courtesy copy of the Revocation is included herewith for the Examiner's convenience.